

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 15 and 17-51 presently appear in this case. No claims have yet been examined on the merits in this continuation application. The present amendments are being made in order to place the case into better condition for examination. Prompt consideration and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

Claims 1 and 9 are being amended hereby so as to use language that is clearly supported in the 1998 priority application. Claims 50 and 51 are being amended to use conforming language as they are dependent from claims 1 and 9, respectively. The present application is a continuation-in-part of PCT/US98/14715, filed July 21, 1998, which was published as WO99/34827, which is being submitted on even date herewith in an IDS. Note page 22, lines 15-25, for support for the 90% limitation on modifications. The independent claims no longer use the term "encephalitogenic" as that term is not used in the parent applications and it is intended that at least the independent claims be supported by at least the July 21, 1998, grandparent filing date.

The examiner's attention is respectfully invited to the prosecution of copending application 10/466,220 and the references cited therein by the same examiner as is examining this case. Related issues are presented.

The present second preliminary amendment should be considered in conjunction with applicants' preliminary amendment of March 2, 2006. It is submitted that all of the claims now present in the case clearly define over the references of record and fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112. Prompt consideration and allowance are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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